COCHIN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE VRISCHIGAM MEETING, 1124

Tuesday, *the* *30th November 1948* / *15th Vrischigam 1124*

The Assembly met in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (Mr. L. M. Pylee M.A., B.L.,) in the Chair.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar and Mr. M. Bhaskara Menon were absent.

I. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(*N.B.* The numbers in ordinary, thin type represent the numbers in the order of receipt of notice.)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING OFFICER—SUBMISSION OF —PARTICULARS REGARDING

1. (292) **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Mr. Kunwar Sen, the Special Investigating Officer appointed by the Government on deputation from the Central Government to investigate the Damodaran case and allied cases has submitted his report;

(*b*) if so, what further steps the Government mean to take to book the offenders ;

(*c*) whether they mean to take any steps to prevent such huge defalcations of public fund hereafter ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Prime Minister):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*) above.

(*c*) what special steps are to be taken in such matters will be decided after the report is received.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether Mr. Kunwar Sen is going to submit a report to the Government of Cochin or to the Dominion Government?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*): He will firt submit the report to the Dominion Government.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* How will the Government of Cochin know of it?

Mr. E. Ekkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*): The Dominion Government will send it to the Cochin Government.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Why not the Government move the Dominion Government that the report may be submitted to this Government first since this is an offence committed within the jurisdiction of this Government?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Prime Minister*): I do not think that there will be much difference except a delay of a day or two which will not matter very much. Anyway that question will be looked into.

INDO-MERCANTILE BANK—PARTICULARS REGARDING

2. (206 & 207) **Mr. K. I. Velayudhan** *(Pazhanji):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name, address, qualification and salary of the General Secretary of the Indo-Mercantile Bank Ltd., Cochin;

(*b*) whether they are aware of any special reason for appointing Mr. M. R. Menon as the General Secretary of the Indo-Mercantile Bank Ltd., Cochin?

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Finance and Law) :*

(*a* and *b*) The bank is an autonomous body; Government cannot answer these questions

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